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SATISFACTION

"Just as cheap here" as in Los Angeles. We hear this statement made frequently by visitors to this store. We are always pleased to have our own opinions confirmed. Aside from the matter of "price" it really goes without saying that a purchaser of any article at this store is assured of the quality, and it is further absolutely certain of a goodly quantity of that indefinable something that we are pleased to term "Service and Satisfaction."

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TRUSTEES MEETING
LEIGH BANCROFT PRESIDENT OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DANIEL WEBSTER AND DR. A. O.
CONRAD
GET FOUR YEARS TERM

BANCROFT, HOBBS AND OLIVER
LET OFF WITH TWO YEARS EACH

TOWNSHIP JUSTICE GEO. C. MEL-
ROSE APPOINTED CITY
RECODER

At the adjourned regular meeting of the board, Monday, March 14, all members and officers were present. President C. C. Rittenhouse in the chair.

Reading of minutes dispensed with. S. M. Street, City Clerk elected for the ensuing two years, appeared and took the oath of office.

Trustees-elect, C. A. Bancroft, A. O. Conrad, John Hobbs, Irving H. Oliver, and Daniel Webster, each took the oath of office and on motion of John Hobbs, C. A. Bancroft was chosen president.

On surrendering the chair to his successor, Mr. Rittenhouse expressed his warm appreciation of the kindness and consideration of his as-

sociates on the board during the term of his service as their presiding officer. Their uniform courtesy at all times and under all circumstances was a pleasant memory.

On motion of Trustee Hobbs, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Rittenhouse, the retiring president for his faithful and efficient services as presiding officer of the board during the first year of the city's life.

The members of the board thereupon proceeded to classify themselves by lot as to the expiration of their respective terms of office, it falling to the lot of Daniel Webster and Dr. A. O. Conrad to go out of office at the expiration of four years, and of C. A. Bancroft, John Hobbs and Irving H. Oliver, at the expiration of two years.

Adjournment.

At the meeting of the board, Thursday, April 18, members and officers all present. President Bancroft in the chair.

Minutes of previous regular and adjourned meetings read and approved as read.

The following standing committees were appointed by the chair:

Finance Committee—Hobbs, Oliver, Webster.

Public Works Committee—Webster, Conrad, Oliver.

Police and Sanitary Committee—Conrad, Oliver, Webster.

Ordinance and Judiciary Committee—Oliver, Webster, Hobbs.

A communication from N. C. Burch, informing the board that the rate for city advertising in the Tropico Interurban Sentinel would correspond to the rate received by the NEWS for a like service in Glendale.

The matter referred to City Attorney and Trustee Oliver for adjustment.

City Clerk Street submitted report as follows:

Tropico, Cal., April 18, 1912.
To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with your request for a statement of the expenditures of the City from March 17, 1912, to April 1, 1912, I submit the following:

Property	
Safe	\$145.00
Furniture	75.00
Fixtures	27.00
Lanterns	7.50
Desk	22.35
Desk	53.86
Elec. Fix.	4.63
Files and Index	3.85
Supplies	22.05
Supplies	43.65
Map Rack	2.00
Elec. Lamps	5.60
Stove and pipe	7.75
Supplies and stamps	29.75
Bulletin boards	9.65
Typewriter	40.00
Demand and Warrant book	2.50
Seal, dog tags, etc.	20.79
	\$ 517.93
Salaries	
Clerk	302.79
Assessor	150.00
Attorney	716.66
Marshal	186.50
Street Supt.	339.57
Engineer	393.25
Recorder	255.00
Motor Officers	375.80
Treasurer	59.63
Night Watchman	35.00
	\$ 2814.20
Printing (street work), does not include resolutions charged against street improvement.	
Printing	\$327.89
Printing (misc)	283.80
	\$ 601.69
Street Work—Sprinkling, water, gravel and repairs	
	1358.25
Taxes	
Tax books	38.50
Assessors filed book	47.50
Printing del. tax roll	30.00
Writing tax roll	16.50
	\$ 132.50
Typewriting	80.15
Rent	292.25
Elections, stamps, Clerk and Election Boards	142.75
Lights, City Hall	13.50
Fuel	4.80
Miscellaneous	
Official bonds	\$ 25.00
Refund of licenses erroneously col.	6.00
Legal services, S and S	101.00
Filing papers, Brand	

Boulevard	30.00
Four fire plugs	76.25
Repairing chairs	6.95
Sweeping Comp.	2.50
Building fire houses	7.00
Janitor service	8.00
	\$ 252.70
Total	\$6210.72
Total Receipts to April 1, 1912, \$8663.50.	

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, Trustee Webster, chairman of the committee on Public Works, and president of the board, Bancroft, were authorized to represent the city of Tropico before the water committee of the Los Angeles City Council for the purpose of noting such proceedings of the committee as may affect the interests of this community in the acquisition of Owens river water and electric power.

A ten minute recess was taken for a private conference on the matter of appointment of subordinate officers, salaries, etc.

On reassembling Mr. Hobbs moved that the office of City Recorder be declared vacant. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved and carried that the board proceed to elect a City Recorder by ballot.

Mr. J. E. Shuey made verbal application for re-appointment. No other application submitted.

Ballot resulted as follows: Geo. C. Melrose, 3; J. E. Shuey, 2.

Geo. C. Melrose having received a majority of all the votes cast. A resolution was adopted declaring him elected City Recorder for two years at a salary of 10.00 a month in full compensation for his services.

Adjourned.

John Kirkham of Central Avenue has moved to El Monte.

The Women Civic League of Tropico will have its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 25, 1912, 8:15 p. m. sharp, at Tropico school house.

The meeting is to be of unusual interest and will be exclusively for women. The speaker of the occasion is Mrs. Calvin Hartwell of Pasadena.

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1-4 bbl. sacks \$1.60
1-8 bbl. sacks 85
10-lb sacks 35

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Quail or Monogram Brand.
3 cans for 25c

TOMATOES

Blue Mussel; a fancy tomato.
3 cans for 25c

JAM

A large stone crock of jam.
40c each

CORN FLAKES

3 pkgs. for 25c

IVORY SOAP

6 cakes for 25c

BAKER'S COCOA

Per can 23c

With every package of "Easy Jell" we give a nice glass dish.
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Golden State, per lb. 25c
Amber, per lb. 30c
Omar, per lb. 35c

TEA

Fancy Spider Leg, per lb. 50c
" Gunpowder, per lb. 50c
Eng. Break, per lb. 40c

Peanut Butter, per lb. 20c

Postum, per pkg. 20c
Lipton's Tea, per lb. 30c
Coleman's Mustard 15c
Carnation Mills, 3 and 6 cans for 25c

Matches 3 boxes for 10c
Oysters 3 cans for 25c
Eastern Bacon, per lb. 18c
Bannanas, per doz. 20c
Bulk Lard, per lb. 15c
Carnation Mash, per pkg. 25c
Comb Honey, per frame. 15c

We understand the Grocery business, and know what the people of Tropico and vicinity want. We want a share of your business. It will be appreciated.

The 8th year were given a party Saturday night by the 7th year at Mrs. Stone's on Brand Boulevard.

Mrs. F. I. Marsh of Buena Park, Miss Emma Hagerly and sister, Cecil, of Los Angeles, were entertained by Mrs. D. H. Imler last week.

Miss Carrie Botts of Garvanza spent the first of the week in Tropico visiting old time friends.

Rev. D. M. Stewart of San Diego visited friends last week in Tropico.

Richard E. Tiffney, late of Los Angeles, has taken up his residence with his brother, William T., 129 W. Tropico Ave.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The place to get quality is Ashton's.

The salary of the city trustees was raised, but not that of the city clerk.

"A man may smile and smile and be—a villain." An old saw, but a true one.

Special for Saturday—a large devil-food cake for 20c at Ashton's or the Davis Grocery.

Miss Christine Bohannan, of Tucson, Ariz. is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. M. Street, for the summer.

There is no reason to believe that the expenses of the city the coming year will exceed a half of what they were last year.

VISOR LODGE NO. 293, K. of P. will give a SOCIAL DANCE Thursday evening, May 2, 1912. Good music and good time for all.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Valdez have returned to and are again occupying their home place at 242 El Bonito avenue.

J. W. Usilton of Glendale is nominated for member of the Executive Committee of the Good Government Organization of the county.

Dr. Duncan, who is a practicing physician of Los Angeles, will move to Tropic as soon as his residence on San Fernando road is completed and have his office in his residence.

Such a Breeze as is unusual in Tropic is expected for Sunday, May 5, in the Presbyterian pulpit of this city. A Breeze that will scatter things and almost lift the roof.

H. D. Salveter, contractor and builder, 822 Central building, Los Angeles, has the contract for building Dr. Duncan's residence on the second lot south of the old post office and is pushing it along rapidly.

When you want pastry ask for Ashton's. It is clean, pure and rich. We hear it rumored that a petition from East of the boulevard is in preparation for presentation to the board of trustees for the establishment of an electric lighting system in Tropic.

When you have that feeling that you want something and don't know what it is, go to the Davis Grocery Co. and look over Ashton's pastry and you will find it. Made by J. R. Ashton, Glendale and Cypress Sts.

A. Ray Petty, secretary of the Boys' School Department of the Los Angeles Y. M. C. A., will give an appropriate talk in the auditorium of the Presbyterian church on Sunday next at 7:30 p. m., under the auspices of the Baraka class.

There will be a meeting of Progressive Republicans at the city hall Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30 p. m. for the organization of a Roosevelt Club. Every progressive should be on hand. Preparations for the presidential primary must be looked after.

All the parties residing in Tropic, strips of whose land along Brand boulevard the city is seeking to condemn for opening and widening the street, have been served with process in the condemnation proceedings. There are several non-residents yet to be served before trial can begin.

Mr. W. A. Chapman is the new proprietor of the Tropic Meat Market. He comes to us from Pomona, where he has been identified with the San Antonio Meat Co. for several years. Before coming to California he was in the wholesale business for ten years in Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Chapman expects to make his home in Tropic as soon as he can secure a house for his family.

Mrs. Reuben A. Gentry of Independence, Mo., is the house guest of her aunt, Mrs. Tuppen of Park avenue and San Fernando road for the season. The name of Gentry is a household word in the old "show me" state. Wm. Gentry of Pettis, was one of the grand old men of the state in reconstruction days. He headed the people's party there for a number of years.

The Howe's Recital Company will give a dramatic and musical program of readings, impersonations and vocal music, under auspices of the Fraternal Brotherhood, Friday evening, April 26, in K. of P. hall, Glendale.

Half of the proceeds to go to Titanic sufferers. Admission 25 cents.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms; for gents; 75 cents and up per week.

AQUEDUCT PROBLEMS

To Be Solved at Once—Public Help Invited

At last the water committee of the Los Angeles city council has entered in earnest upon the work of determining what disposition the city may and should make of its Owens aqueduct water. On Wednesday last the committee held its first public meeting for the consideration of the matter.

The meeting was attended by Engineer William Mulholland, Samuel C. Graham and Charles Willbourn, the new water commissioners, Lewis R. Works, vice president, and George Baker Anderson, secretary of the Good Government organization, Special Counsel W. B. Mathews, Mayor George Alexander, E. E. Shaffer, M. E. Johnson and others.

It was finally agreed that the committee of the council and officials of the city named should work together for the determination of the following pertinent questions:

WHAT PEOPLE WANT WATER? HOW MUCH SHOULD THE CHARGE FOR IT BE?

HOW SHOULD THE WATER BE DISTRIBUTED?

SHOULD LOS ANGELES INSIST ON ANNEXATION OF CITIES NEEDING WATER?

SHOULD THE CITY OWN ALL PIPE LINES?

For aid in the settlement of these questions, public hearings will be held beginning with next Friday night at 7:30 and to continue at the same hour, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week thereafter until disposed of.

The Wednesday night meetings will be limited to the committee and persons given special hearings. All speakers at any meeting must be authorized representatives of some district or community with definite views to present. All remarks must be brief and pointed. All communities are invited to send representatives.

Mr. Mulholland estimates the cost of the distribution plant to be from \$6,500,000 to \$8,500,000, and the entire cost of the aqueduct and distribution about \$1225 per inch.

The Good Government organization, through Secretary Anderson, presented a resolution that "it is the sense of the organization that, for the purpose of securing a market for the water as soon as possible, it should be conveyed to as large an area of land needing water as can be reached."

"The Owens river water will be here in February or March, 1913, within a year, anyway. Los Angeles must be ready to dispose of it," said William Mulholland. "Two vital points must be decided soon—the terms on which the city shall sell the water to the people, and the annexation problem."

"We represent all the greater Los Angeles people," said Water Commissioners Graham and Willbourn, "and should make the best bargain we can for all the people in our dealing with any particular class of people. We want to work no hardship on any land owner, but I think it is our duty to get good prices for the water which every one pays for. We must ascertain the cost and the value of this water as quickly as possible in order to fix charges."

Charles McKenzie, water committeman, said: "Three questions clamor loudest: What can we get for this water? How can we get the money? How can the water be best distributed? Los Angeles must always own the main lines of supply."

Haines W. Reed, another committeman, said: "I hope all municipalities and property owners will accept our invitation to attend hearings that we may really learn what the residents of this region wish."

Committeeman Martin Betkouski's motion was carried that "all citizens who speak at these meetings be authorized representatives of districts or communities so that their words may carry weight, and that valuable time be not wasted in political talk and worthless criticism. We want advice of value."

Maxor Alexander said: "The time for keen, steady work is here. Delay is impossible. The water questions must be met and settled fairly."

OUR HAROLD STORY WINS THE ORATORICAL PRIZE

The third annual inter-class oratorical contest at the Union high school occurred last Friday night. Four hundred students and friends assembled to hear the four class representatives compete for the school oratorical honors of the year.

Dwight L. Stevenson, winner of the contest of last year, was the presiding officer of the evening. Lester Tarr represented the ninth year class. He had for his subject, "Conquering Distance"; Ralph McNary, 10th year, "Feathers"; Miss Cora Turner, 11th year, "Patriotism"; Harold Story, 12th year, "The New Patriotism."

The judges of oration were: Leroy Armstrong, representative of the Am-

erican Book company, for Southern California; Miss Timmons, English department, Hollywood school; Theo. Fulton, head of the mathematical department, Los Angeles high school. These were unanimous in giving the prize, a \$20 gold piece, to Harold Story of the class of 1912.

THE SIN OF THE POOL TABLE

The wide divergence of opinion regarding the danger to the welfare of society in "pool and billiards" even among Christian people is indeed notable. On the plain question: Shall an ordinance prohibiting a pool room in the city of Tropic be adopted? The good people of this community answered by a vote of 235 "no" to 128 "yes"—a negative majority of 107 votes. From the viewpoint of a majority of the electors of Tropic, of both men and women, therefore, there is no more danger in the pool game to society in Tropic than there is in the game of baseball. Of course, with the large class of our fellow citizens, who classify all games and sports as sinful. There is no sympathy with the view of the matter. To quote from the Pacific Methodist Advocate in which the Y. M. C. A. are bitterly assailed for their attitude toward the game, it is in the view of Bishop Kilgo, "a game that has long been the pastime of loafers, the instrument of gamblers, the attachment of bar-rooms, the amusement of harlots, the peril of youth. The suspect of government, the dread of anxious mothers, and the destroyer of industrious habits, that deserves the condemnation of all moral people." But, we are well assured, a large share of the voters of Tropic are not in accord with the eminent Bishop from whom we have quoted in his estimate of their moral and religious characters. They are not of the bowery mob. They are simply favored with a closed view of the game than he. They see none of the abominable features of it he sees. In fact, his picture of it they would never recognize as bearing any resemblance to what they see of it here.

Doubtless wicked and unchristian people frequent the pool table, but they are by no means its exclusive patrons. In fact wicked and unchristian persons are found in the holiest of places; but that should not be a reason for the condemnation of the place.

AN OREGON LETTER

Editor Tropic Inter-urban Sentinel:

At this writing I am twenty-six miles south of Portland at Newberg. This is a fruit, stock and general farming country. Land ranges from \$150 to \$500 per acre. It seems a tremendous price when the products are considered.

Portland is growing tremendously as if determined to overtake Los Angeles. Her street car system is good and the inter-urban lines are beginning to assume form. A great network is being planned for the Willamette valley.

The cost of living is altitudinous as the following retail prices show: Strawberries, 35 cents a box. Consumers are beginning to congratulate themselves upon the fact that in two weeks, the California berries will arrive and then prices will take a downward stride. California oranges go to 30 to 60 cents a dozen. Malaga grapes at 15 cents a pound. Green peas 15 cents a pound, cauliflower, 15 cents, celery, 10 cents a bunch; Chinook salmon 20 cents a pound; catfish, 15 cents; fancy hens at 25 cents a pound, fryers, 35 to 40 cents apiece. Butter 40 cents a pound, eggs, 30 to 35, and black bass at 40 cents. It requires good wages to keep the larder well-stocked.

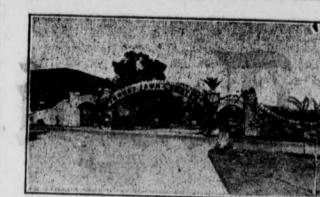
The streets of Portland are not nearly so congested as those of Los Angeles. The tourist's crop is lacking. One can cross the streets with comparative comfort, realizing that his life is not endangered by the rash and crush of all kinds of conveyances which seem to have a tremendous "hurry" attached to them.

Newburg has about 3,000 people, and has a good business from the surrounding country, which, just now, has on a most beautiful dress in form of cherry, prune, peach, and apple blossoms; the vales and hillsides are giving exceeding grandeur to every open eye. It is a very pretty region close to Oregon's metropolis.

M. M. Eshelman

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Tropic will hold an important meeting at the Tropic school house Friday, April 26, at 8 p. m. Every home-loving citizen of the community should attend. Miss Bessie Stoddard and Mr. C. D. Raidt, superintendent of Los Angeles playgrounds, will deliver addresses.

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THE WAY OF A MAN

By EMERSON HOUGH

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(Continued from last week)

"No," said Belknap; "you'll have to go on with us if you wish to see him. I'm afraid the Sioux are bad on beyond." He turned toward the ambulance, and I glanced that way. There stood near it a tall, angular figure, head enshrouded in an enormous sunbonnet.

"Why, that's my friend, Mandy McGovern, said I.

At that moment, descending at the rear of the ambulance, I saw the other one.

It was a young woman who left the step of the ambulance and stood for a moment shading her eyes with her hand and looking out over the shimmering expanse of the broad river. All at once the entire landscape was changed. It was not the desert, but civilization, which swept about us. A transfiguration had been wrought by one figure, fair to look upon. The swift versatility of my soul was upon the point of calling this as fine a figure of young womanhood as I had ever seen.

I was about to ask some questions of Belknap when all at once I saw



"Why, that's my friend, Mandy McGovern."

something that utterly changed my pleasant frame of mind. The tall figure of a man came from beyond the line of wagons—a man clad in well fitting tweeds cut for riding. I imagine it was the same swift male jealousy that affected both Belknap and myself as we saw Gordon Orme.

"Yes; there is your friend, the Englishman," said Belknap rather bitterly. "I meet him everywhere," I answered. "The thing is simply uncanny. What is he doing out here?"

"We are taking him out to Laramie with us. He has letters to Colonel Meriwether. It seems, Cowles, what do you know about that man?"

"Nothing," said I, "except that he purports to come from the English army."

"He's prowling about every military post he can get into."

"With a special reference to army officers born in the south?" I looked Belknap in the eye.

"There's something in that," he replied. "I don't like the look of it. These are good times for every man to attend to his own business."

A moment later I ran across my former friend, Mandy McGovern. In her surprise she stopped chewing tobacco.

"Well, I declare to gracious," she began, "if here ain't the man I met on the boat! How'd you git away out here ahead of us? Have you saw alwy' buffer? I'm gettin' plumb wolfish fer somethin' to shoot at."

What I was doing at that precise moment, as I must confess, was taking a half unconscious look once more toward the tall of the ambulance, where Orme and the young woman stood chatting. But it was at this time that Orme came forward.

"By Jove," he said, "here you are again! Am I your shadow, Mr. Cowles, or are you mine? It is really singular how we meet. I'm awfully glad to meet you, although I don't in the least see how you've managed to get here ahead of us."

I explained to him the changes of my plans that had been brought about by the accident to the River Belle. "Lieutenant Belknap tells me that you are going through to Laramie with him," I added. "As it chances, we have the same errand. It is my purpose also to call on Colonel Meriwether."

er there in case we do not meet him coming down."

"How extraordinary! Then we'll be fellow travelers for a time and, I hope, have a little sport together. Fine young fellow, Belknap. You'll eat at our mess tonight, of course. That's our fire just over there, and I'm thinking the cook is nearly ready. There comes Belknap now."

The confusion of these varied meetings had kept me from learning the identity of the late passenger of the ambulance. I presume both Orme and Belknap supposed that the young lady and I had met before we took our places on the ground at the edge of the blanket which served as a table. I sought a glance at her face, which the next instant was hid by the rim of her hat as she looked down, removing her long gloves. At least I saw her hands—small hands, sun browned now. One finger was a plain gold ring with a peculiar setting—the figure of a rose carved deep into the gold.

"Very well, then," I broke out. "I could not sleep. I did take notice of four different girls, one after the other, but it was because each of them was to wipe out the image of all the others—and of all the others in the world."

This was going far. I was a young man. I urge no more excuse. I am setting down simply the truth, as I have promised.

The girl looked about gladly, I thought, at the sound of a shuffling step approaching. "You, Aunt Mandy?" she called out. And to me, "I must say good night, sir."

I could not sleep. I looked up again into the eye of my cold, reproving star. But now, to my surprise and horror, when I looked into the eye of my monitor my own eye would not waver or admit subjection. I rebelled at my own conscience. I, John Cowles, had all my life been a strong man. Now, tonight, I was meeting the strongest antagonist of all my life, the only one I had ever feared. It was none other than I myself, that other John Cowles, young man, and now loose in the vast free garden of living.

"But still I may remind you all, gentlemen," said I, "that I have not yet heard this lady's name and am only guessing, of course, that it is Miss Meriwether, whom you are taking out to Laramie."

"Why, of course," said Belknap, and "Of course" echoed everybody else.

"Yes," said she, "I'm going on to my father on the front. This is my second time across, though. Is it your first, Mr. Cowles?"

"My first, and I am very lucky. You know I also am going out to meet your father, Miss Meriwether."

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"Oh, I know—it's about the coal lands that are going to make us all rich some day. Yes, I know about that, though I think your father rarely came over into Albermarle."

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"The next time we are shipwrecked together," said I, "I shall leave you on the boat. You do not know your friends!"

"Why do you say that?"

"And yet I knew you at once. I saw the ring on your hand and recognized it. It is the same I saw in the firelight on the river bank the night we left the Belle."

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WHO BIDS?

The trust heretofore existing in the Broadway Bank of Los Angeles, for the use and benefit of the bondholders of the Glendale Consolidated Water company, has been resigned to the company, and steps are being taken to have a successor to the trust elected. The bondholders are to be notified and required to elect such successor now soon. It is practically certain that the Title Guarantee & Trust Company of Los Angeles will receive and accept the trust. It will then be in order for the holders of the bonds, payment of the interest coupons of which is in default, to demand the execution of the trust, which means the sale of the Glendale Consolidated company to the highest bidder, for cash.

We suggest that this situation may afford the city of Tropico the opportunity to acquire municipal ownership and control of the Tropico Water company, subject of course, to the \$24,000 mortgage existing against it, on very reasonable terms.

As we understand the matter the Glendale Consolidated Water company's trust deed covers much of the stock of the Tropico Water company, of which 2501 shares is a majority. With the \$25,000 encumbered on the property of the company the value of the stock is merely nominal and the city should be able to acquire it at such a figure. It is a matter worthy the attention of the city authorities at all events.

PROGRESSIVE POLICIES LAID DOWN BY ROOSEVELT

Our aim is to secure the real and not the nominal rule of the people.

We propose to do away with what ever in our government tends to secure privilege.

We believe in securing for the people the direct election of United States Senators.

We believe in securing for the people the right of nominating candidates for office, from the President down, by direct primaries.

We believe in securing for the people the exercise of a real and not merely a nominal control over their representatives in office.

Our object is to give the people control and to have the people exercise this control in the spirit of the broadest sympathy and broadest desire to secure social and industrial justice for every man and woman.

We stand for the adequate control of all big business and especially of monopolistic big business where it proves unwise or impossible to break down the monopoly.

Prosperity can only permanently come to this country on a basis of honesty and of fair treatment for all.

WASHINGTON, April 6. (Special)—The keynote of the progressive campaign in 1912 was sounded by Col. Roosevelt in his Louisville, Ky., speech on April 3. At that time Col. Roosevelt made plain the issues which the voters of the country are called upon to decide at the polls; made plain that there can be no middle ground between the rule of the people; the rights of the many against special privilege; right against wrong and honesty against dishonesty.

At the outset Col. Roosevelt shattered the claims of Mr. Taft to be called a progressive, showing that Mr. Taft has failed to carry out the policies to which he pledged himself before he entered the White House; that he has been won over to the side of "special privilege," and allowed the reactionaries who fought him three years ago to dominate his administration.

In one of Col. Roosevelt's own sentences may be summed up his stand in the present fight. He said:

"We who stand for the cause of progress, for the cause of the uplift of humanity and for the betterment of mankind, are pledged to eternal war against tyranny and ring, by the few or many, by a plutocracy or by a mob."

Col. Roosevelt stated that the nation is facing one of the greatest cri-

ses in its history. He declared that a victory for the progressives means the placing of human life above the dollar, the government control of "big business," the conservation of natural resources, and the restoration of power to the people themselves. Victory for the reactionaries, headed by Mr. Taft, however, he stated, means the control of the government and the courts in the interest of "big business" and a return to that condition when commercial corruption in league with political allies, seized the most valuable of the country's properties.

While severely arraigning Mr. Taft for his dilatory tactics, Col. Roosevelt was sufficiently charitable not to charge him with anything more than timidity and lack of comprehension.

"Every man who, directly or indirectly, upholds privilege and favors the special interests, whether he acts from evil motives or merely because he is puzzle-headed or dull of mental vision, or lacking in social sympathy, or whether he simply lacks interest in the subject, is a reactionary.

"The man is a reactionary, whatever may be his professions, and no matter how excellent his intentions, who opposes these movements, or who in a high place, takes no interest in them and does not earnestly help them forward.

"We are in a period of changes; we are fronting a great period of further change. Never was the need more imperative of men of vision who are also men of action. Disaster is ahead of us if we trust to the leadership of the men whose hearts have withered and whose eyes are blinded, who believe that we can find safety in dull timidity and dull inaction."

Col. Roosevelt's proof of the inability of Mr. Taft to successfully guide the ship of state, and at the same time his verdict on Mr. Taft's claims to being a progressive, are contained in the following sentences:

"Four years ago the progressives supported Mr. Taft for President and he was opposed by such representatives of special privilege as Mr. Penrose of Pennsylvania, Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island, Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire, and Messrs. Lorimer, Cannon and McKinley of Illinois, and he was opposed by practically all of the men of the state of Messrs. Guggenheim and Evans of Colorado, and Mr. Patrick Calhoun of San Francisco. These men were not progressives then, and they do not pretend to be progressives now.

"But unlike the president, they know who is a progressive, and who is not. Their judgment in the matter is good, but after three and a half years of association with and knowledge of the president, these and their fellows are now the president's chief supporters; and they, and the men who feel and act as they do in business and in politics, give him the great bulk of his strength.

The president says he is a progressive; these men know him well and have studied his actions for three years, and they regard him as being precisely the kind of progressive whom they approve. Now the progressiveness that meets and merits the cordial approval of these gentlemen is not the kind of progressiveness which we on our side champion.

"However good the president's intentions, I believe that his actions have shown that he is entitled to the support of precisely these men."

The attitude of the administration with regard to the railroad rate bill was brought under the fire of Col. Roosevelt. He characterized the bill, as submitted by the administration as a "thoroughly mischievous measure which would have undone the good work that has been accomplished in the control of the great railroads during the last twenty years." That the measure did not get on the statute books in the manner in which it was sent to Congress, it was stated, was due to the fight made upon it by the progressive members of the Senate. "They made it a good bill by striking out the chief features of the bill as the reactionaries presented it," said the Colonel.

Col. Roosevelt further prodded the administration of Mr. Taft for the dilatory tactics used in dealing with conservation problems. He stated that the administration had

for two years "done everything in its power," to undo the most valuable work done in conservation, and especially in securing to people the right to regulate water power franchises in the public interest. Col.

Roosevelt also dealt with the abandonment by Mr. Taft of the fight started by the Colonel, and which the president pledged himself to continue, to secure social justice in industrial matters, more particularly child labor laws. This legislation was dallyed with for three years before any action was taken.

Commenting on this, Col. Roosevelt, said:

"Alike in its action and in its inaction the conduct of the administration during the last three years has been such as to merit the support and the approval of Messrs. Aldrich, Penrose, Lorimer, Guggenheim, and the other gentlemen I

have mentioned. I do not wonder that they support it, but I do not regard an administration which has merited and which receives such support as being entitled to call itself progressive, no matter with what elasticity the word may be stretched.

"No men have been closer or more interested students of the career of President Taft than these men; no men better understand its real significance, no men better appreciate what the effect of the continuance of this administration for another four years would mean. I believe that their judgment upon the administration and upon its continuance would mean to the people can be accepted; and I think their judgment as shown by the extreme recklessness of their actions in trying to secure the president's nomination, gives us an accurate gauge as to what the administration merits from the people and what the action of the people should be."

Col. Roosevelt made a stirring appeal for fair play for those to whom fortune has not been kind.

"We fight, he said, "to make this country a better place to live in for those who have been harshly treated by fate, and, if we succeed, it will also be a better place to live in for those who have much."

"I ask justice for the weak, for their sake, and I ask it for the sake of our children and our children's children who are to come after us.

"This country will not be a good place for any of us if it is not reasonably a good place for all of us.

"When I plead the cause of the crippled brakemen on a railroad, of the overworked girl in a factory, of the stunted child toiling at inhuman labor, of all who work excessively or in the unhealthy surroundings of the family dwelling in a squalor of a noisome tenement, of the wornout farmer in regions where the farms are worn out also; when I protest against unfair profit of unscrupulous and conscienceless men or against the greedy exploitation of the helpless, by the beneficiaries of privilege, I am not only fighting for the weak, but I am fighting also for the strong.

"The sons of all of us will pay in the future if we of the present do not justice to the present. If the fathers cause others to eat bitter bread the teeth of their sons shall be set on edge.

"Our cause is the cause of justice for all—in the interests of all. Surely there never was cause in which it was better worth while to spend and be spent."

THY BROTHER

Do not censure, do not chide him. To his course to you is wrong.

There are forces deeply buried

'Gainst which he has struggled long.

Shackles which he did not fashion

Thorns that pierce his very soul,

Causing wreck and dire disaster

On the hidden rock and shoal.

If we could but look more deeply,

If the secrets were made plain,

Much that now seems wrong and foolish

Would be wisdom in the main.

Ponder long, with deep contrition

Think of him in all his pain

And there'll come to you a vision

Which will prove the greater gain.

When we come to see our Brother

In the mortals that we meet,

Life will be more worth the living

And our joy will be complete.

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